



Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership

A New Approach to Behavioral Health



Behavioral Health Challenge: A Poorly Organized System

- **System is fragmented:** No clear single vision for how the state serves children and adults with significant behavioral health challenges.
- **Failing financial investment:** We fail to leverage and maximize state tax dollars effectively.
- **Inconsistent Services:** State makes limited use of evidence-based and best practices and does so in geographic and bureaucratic silos only – failing to take those efforts statewide.
- **Poor outcomes:** Louisianians with behavioral health conditions have inadequate access to quality treatment and services resulting in poor outcomes.

A Failing Investment

In Louisiana Medicaid, we spend nearly \$7 billion on 1.2 million people and get this:



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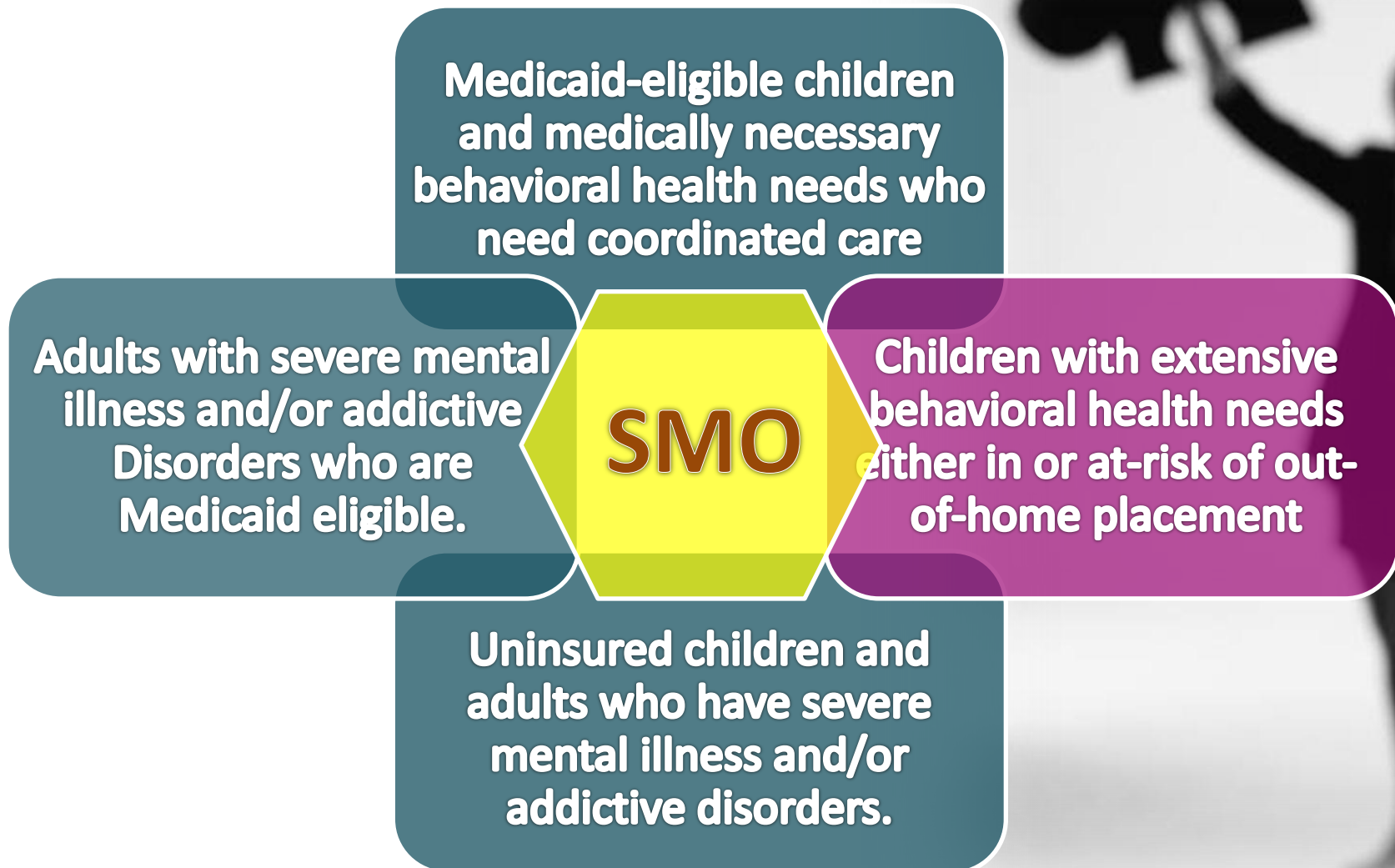
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Improving Lives of Louisiana Families

- The new system will ensure those in need and their families have:
 - Increased access to care;
 - Access to services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year when and where they need them;
 - Greater involvement in care decisions; and
 - A better chance at leading successful and full lives in their communities and in their homes.



Four Pieces – One System



Who will we reach?

At full implementation, we expect to be able to improve services for:

- **About 2,500 of our youth with most significant challenges and those at highest risk through the Coordinated System of Care.**
- **About another 50,000 children and teens with behavioral health challenges.**
- **About 100,000 adults with severe and persistent mental illness, major mental disorder, acute stabilization needs and/or addictive disorders.**

Measuring Success



Measures that will determine success:

- Number of people placed in more restrictive settings;
- Number of persons served through evidence-based and promising practices;
- Rates of emergency room admissions;
- Clinical rating of client functioning;
- Cost per person served per month;
- Number of institution admissions, readmissions and average length of stay;
- Number people accessing crisis services; and
- Utilization of natural supports.

Our Behavioral Health Imperative

Challenge the Status Quo

Educate Providers and Patients

Lead the Change